

1. **Pray:** ask God to open your mind, soul and spirit to His teaching through His Word
2. **Think:** the questions are designed to expand your knowledge of God and His Word
3. **Begin:** using only your Bible, answer the questions without other outside sources

Lesson Thirty One: Matthew 28:1–20

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1. Describe the facts of the resurrection based upon just Matthew's account.

2. Read Mark 16, Luke 24, and John 20. Add as many extra facts as you can from these other accounts of the resurrection.

3. What facts from these four accounts do you **think** are powerful proof in establishing the truth of Jesus' resurrection?

4. a) To whom did Jesus appear first?

b) What did these first witnesses do?

c) What command did Jesus give them?

5. a) What did the guards do about Jesus' resurrection?

b) To whom did the guards go?

- c) What was devised in this meeting?
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- 6. a) What devised stories try and discredit the resurrection today?

 - b) What causes you to doubt in the resurrection?

 - c) When you compare your reasons for doubt versus the many proofs in Scripture, which is based more in fact?
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- 7. a) What did the disciples do after Jesus' resurrection?

 - b) From verse 17, what tells you that not all the disciples were secure in this new aspect of Jesus' life?

 - c) Does this added comment make you doubt Scripture or believe it even more? Why or why not?

Going Deeper:

- 8. a) How much authority does the risen Jesus Christ have?

- b) Under His authority, what does He command His disciples to do? (There should be **at least** four points to this command.)

- c) Where are you obeying this and where are you not?
9. a) What does the last sentence of the book of Matthew teach?
- b) How would your neighbors, friends, spouse, co-workers verify or not that you live like Jesus is **always** with you?
- c) What circumstance in your life right now reveals you don't believe Jesus is always with you?
- d) Will you be willing to have your group pray that you will see and experience Jesus' presence in this circumstance.
10. What has been your favorite truth you've learned from the gospel of Jesus Christ according to Matthew?